

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the last paragraph on page 3 as indicated:

The present invention covers the following aspects [1] to [13] ~~[12]~~.

Amend the ‘Brief Description of the Drawings’ on page 6 as indicated:

Fig. 1 is a diagram illustrating the dependence on frequency of the real part (ϵ') integer part (e) of the polyimide thin film in Example 9;

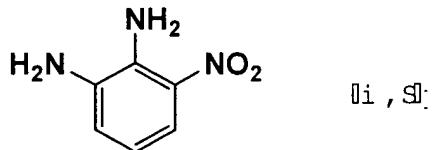
Fig. 2 is a diagram illustrating the behavior of carriers in the polyimide thin film in Example 9;

Fig. 3 is a diagram illustrating the current-voltage characteristics of the polyimide thin film in Examples 15 to 17; and

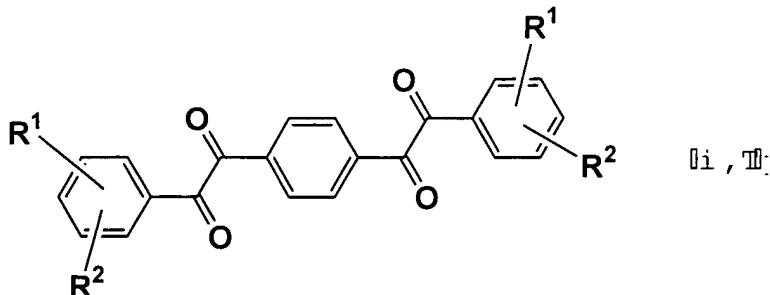
Fig. 4 is a diagram illustrating the voltage-luminance characteristics of the organic light-emitting diode with the polyimide thin film in Examples 18 to 20.

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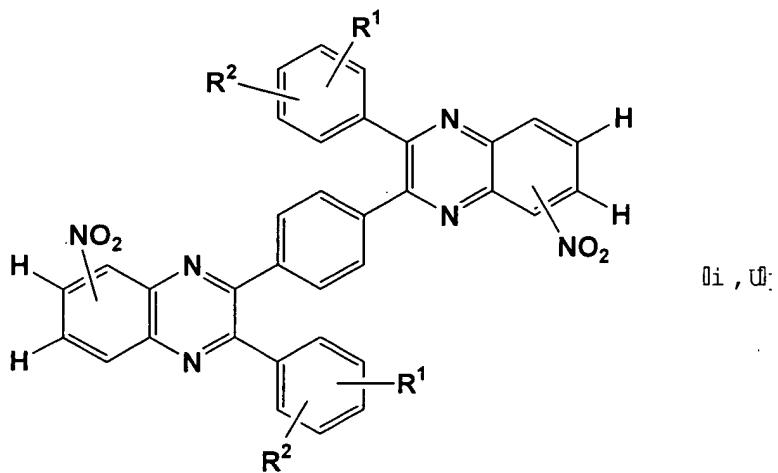
First, a nitro compound represented by formula (4)



is synthesized, and then it is reacted with a benzyl benzil compound represented by formula (5) in methanol in the presence of acetic acid,



to give a dinitro compound represented by formula (6).



Amend the first paragraph on page 13 as indicated:

No specific restrictions are imposed on the solvent in which the polyimide precursor is dissolved or the solvent in which recovered precipitates are dissolved again, so long as it dissolves the polyimide precursor. Examples of such solvents include N-methylpyrrolidone, N,N-dimethylacetamide, and N,N-dimethylformamide. They may be used alone or in combination with one another. They may also be combined with any other solvent to give a uniform solution solvent. Such solvents include ethyl cellosolve, butyl cellosolve, ethyl carbitol, butyl carbitol, ethyl carbitol acetate, and ethylene glycol.

Amend the paragraph in lines 11-16 on page 15 as indicated:

In a 1:1 mixed solvent of acetic acid and methanol were dispersed 1-nitro-2,3-diaminobenzene (3.06 g) and 1,4-bisbenzil 1,4-bisbenzy1. The resulting dispersion was stirred at 60°C for 3.5 hours under a nitrogen atmosphere. After the completion of reaction, the reaction system was cooled to room temperature. Precipitates were filtered off and washed with methanol. Upon drying, there was obtained the desired product.

Amend the paragraph bridging pages 22-23 as indicated:

The graph in Fig. 1 shows the frequency dependence of the real part (ϵ') integer part (ϵ) of the polyimide thin film (obtained from the polyimide precursor varnish in Example 9). This result suggests that the thin film was correctly formed.